

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Repent, and believe the Good News**

Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today’s Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Dylan Crosby, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Bernard Neyland, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Suzanne Devine, Barrie Harthern, Brian Quinn, Harriet McAvoy, Mrs Dennehey, Olivia Crupi, Harold Clegg, Pat Barnes, Doreen Eckersall,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Vera Boatfield, Bridget Knowles, Donal Rooney, Michael Axford</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Vera Boatfield, Bridget Knowles, Barrie Harthern, Brian Quinn, Harriet McAvoy, Donal Rooney, Anthony Markland, Michael Axford</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed</p>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 195; <b>Readings:</b> page 198; <b>Preface:</b> at priest’s choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children’s Liturgy 7.30pm Holocaust Concert with the Brixi Singers (St Osmund’s Church, Brightmet)	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	No Mass Today 7.30pm SVP (SB)  <i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30pm Holocaust Memorial Service (Festival Hall, Bolton Town Hall)	
Thursday <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St John Bosco</i>	11am Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <span style="float: right;"><i>Special Collection for the Catholic</i></span>	
Next Sunday <i>Education Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children’s Liturgy <span style="float: right;"><i>Education Service</i></span> 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children’s Liturgy <span style="float: right;"><i>A Day of Special Prayer for Teachers &amp; Students</i></span>	
<b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate.		
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Cheques should be made payable to St John’s		
<b>Gift Aid:</b> If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks		

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**Congratulations:** To Dylan Mbayin Fuhmolah Mbami who was baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that both he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

### Holocaust Memorial Day 2015

**Talk:** The office for Other Faiths (Department of Evangelisation) invites you to an evening to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Joanne Millen will give a talk entitled *A Holocaust Child Survivor's Journey* on Tuesday 27 January at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bury, BL9 0TZ (7.30-9.30pm) costing £5 per person. You can register by email at Sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Holocaust Memorial Ceremony:** This will take place on Wednesday 28 January 2015 in the Festival Hall (Bolton Town Hall). The event starts at 1.30pm please arrive by 1pm. Everyone welcome.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will be on Wednesday 28 January at 1.30pm-3pm. The book under discussion is *Winter in Madrid* by C.J. Sansom. All welcome.

Also...**Please note** that all bookings for *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* at the Lowry have had to be cancelled as all seats had booked very rapidly and only seats at the very rear of the stalls were available. *Thank you Madeleine*

**Red Mission Boxes:** Following our recent request, we now have a new treasurer – Mrs Christine Corcoran. We still urgently require collectors for both the Egerton and Chapeltown Road areas. If anyone is willing to help, please contact me on 01204 592348. Thank you. *Margaret O'Kane.*

**Ceilidh:** The CAFOD group are organising a Ceilidh on the 8 May 2015 at Walmsley Parish Hall. Please save the date and come along and enjoy! Further details will be available in due course.



**Appeal:** St Brendan's Church requires Eucharistic Ministers to help either in Church or taking Communion out to the housebound. If you are interested please see Peter Carolan or contact us at the Parish Office (301927) email: [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

### Think Vocation

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". Christ formed his disciples to be ready to preach the Gospel. We need to remember that those who are to serve as priests in the Church also need to be formed first. Let us pray for the priests, religious and lay people who serve on the staff in our seminaries and houses of formation in this country and elsewhere.

### Marriage Matters

([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

### Change of lifestyle

Jonah the prophet and Jesus call us to repent, to a change of lifestyle. When we married there was a radical change in our lifestyles. He became husband, she became wife and together we became a flesh and blood 'sacrament of marriage'. This is our continued call to each other - live a new life of love in the Lord.

### Come & Join Us!

Tea & Coffee are always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (10.15am)

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